നൂറനാട്ട് ഒരു ഡിസ്പെൻസറി വേണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതിനെ പ്പറ്റി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടിങ്ങ് മെഡിക്കലാഫീസറോട് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി റിപ്പോർട്ടചെയ്യാൻ പറയാം.

[You suggested that some ryots' roads should be taken over for departmental maintenance and that some roads should be improved. These will be enquired into. Expert opinion is that a fourth groyne in the Prayikara river is not very necessary, as I said last year. But I shall order a fresh investigation and report. The Inspecting Medical Officer will be asked to enquire and report on the need for a dispensary at Nooranad.]

114. Needs of Mavelikara.

MR. N. PAPPU PILLAI (*Municipal Council, Mavelikara*), speaking in Malayalam, said that the financial condition of the minor Municipalities in the State was very poor. This was particularly so in the case of the Mavelikara Municipality. The chief reason for this was that the people who inhabited the municipal area were too poor to be subjected to any additional taxation by the Municipality. The total income of the Mavelikara Municipal Council during 1105 was Rs. 3,745-12-13, out of which an expenditure of Rs. 2,218-11-6 had to be incurred under establishment and Rs. 1,055 for street lighting. Watering the roads during the hot season alone required not less than Rs. 150 per mensem. But there was no money for that and similar purposes. Originally the Municipality used to get annually a grant of Rs. 500 from the Government. It had been stopped recently. In view of the financial difficulties of the Municipality, the grant should be restored.

There were at present no public latrines within the municipal limits. The absence of public latrines was keenly felt in many parts of the town. The funds of the Municipality did not permit the necessary sites being acquired. So the required sites should be acquired by the Government, to enable the Municipality to construct latrines.

Most of the public offices in the town were housed in rented buildings, scattered all over the town. A convenient site, nearly 8 acres in extent, had been acquired by the Government, for putting up a building to accommodate the public offices, fifteen years back and the plan of the building was also prepared in 1095. But nothing had been done yet. The Municipal Council had recommended that a new building should be constructed for the Mavelikara English High School at the above site and that the present school building, after necessary repairs, should be made available for holding the public offices. This suggestion was also good. In any case some relief should be afforded in the matter at an early date.

The people of Mavelikara were mostly agriculturists and they depended on agriculture for their livelihood. But they did not get the benefit of the agricultural loans issued by the Government. The need for financial help from the Government was most keenly felt now than at any other time. Hence the allotment for agricultural loans should be

enhanced and loans should be issued in small amounts to the needy agriculturists, at a low rate of interest. The Government should also see that the loans issued for agricultural purposes were utilised for that purpose.

The road from Panachamoodu to Kochikal should be widened and gravelled. There was only a distance of a mile from Panachamoodu, on the 5th mile, 6th furlong of the Kayankulam-Mannar road, to the centre of the town. Out of this, the road had been gravelled for a length of 4 furlongs, up to Kochikal. The remaining portion should also be gravelled. The portion of the road near the Kattuvalli temple, should be deviated a little, after acquiring the necessary land, so as to tide over the difficulty pointed out by the Devaswom department in converting the road near the temple premises into a public road.

The road from Valiaperumpuzha to Mannar should be improved and gravelled. There was very large pedestrian traffic on the road. The road was sufficiently wide and no additional lands had to be acquired. Neither bridges nor culverts had to be constructed. If improved, the road would be of very great use to the people.

A small bridge should be constructed at Eran *todu*, on the road leading to 6th mile of Kayankulam-Mannar road from Kandiyoor temple. The *todu* was only 12 feet wide and there was originally a stone bridge.

The construction of the *Aratlukadavu* bridge should be expedited, so also the works connected with the opening of the canal for Karingalichal at Nooranad, for irrigational purposes.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Pappu pillai. You have referred to several points in your representation. With regard to the roads, culverts and bridges that you mentioned, they will be referred to the Chief Engineer and orders will be passed on his report.

You then referred to agricultural loans. You are aware that Government have set apart an additional amount for this purpose. They also try to see that when an agricultural loan is granted the money is utilised for the purpose for which it was taken from the Government. Your suggestion that more attention must be devoted to the subject will be referred to the Land Reveuue Commissioner.

You want a small bridge across the Eran *todu*. The Chief Engineer says that he is asking his subordinate there to consult you and then report on the matter.

The design of the bridge to be constructed across the Prayikara river is being revised. When the revised design and estimates are received, the matter will be taken up.

Your suggestions and representations will receive the consideration of Government.

115. Needs of the Pattanamtitta taluk.

MR. C. MATHAI MATHEW (*Pattanamtitta taluk*) spoke about the following needs of the taluk:--

A Veterinary Hospital should be established at Pattanamtitta. There were only 13 Veterinary Hospitals in the whole State and this